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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Sir:

1. You have accepted an invitation to address the "National Student Body of A Presidential Classroom" at their Graduation Banquet on Friday, 28 February 1975, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Sheraton-Park Hotel. This memorandum presents additional facts and insights for your information.

2. It is my understanding that approximately 325 participants plus 24 instructors and staff people will comprise the audience. Mr. [] your representative, has solicited from the Classroom management, at my request, an opinion that they would like to see you give about a 20-minute presentation and then, for an additional 25-minute period, accepting questions from the floor.

3. [] tells me that the group collectively is most aware of current events, capable of asking very intelligent questions, and is representative of all political persuasions. They have not as yet raised many questions concerning the "current situation," i.e., investigative, faced by the Agency, but they have asked many questions concerning Watergate and any Agency involvement. They have also raised the matter of CIA involvement in Chile.

4. Bob has furnished me selective questions that the group has presented both to General Brown and Admiral Holloway, and from these questions I believe you can gain a feeling for their interest. Questions put to General Brown, for example, were:

a. Has our continuing military and financial aid to Israel prejudiced our ability to meet NATO commitments?

b. If war were again to break out in the Middle East, would this Government support Israel?

c. Why do we support the Thieu government in South Vietnam?

d. Is there any substance to reports that this Government might invade and seize oil fields owned by OPEC nations?

e. Do we not possess overkill in nuclear weaponry?

Several questions to Admiral Holloway were:

a. Was the American military alert in the last Arab/Israeli conflict necessary?

b. What are the possibilities of another "Pueblo" incident?

c. How will the "Holloway Navy" differ from the "Zumwalt Navy"?

5. Please let me know if I can be of any additional assistance to you.

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for
Administration

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